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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESCISSION OF DISCHARGE PERMIT

Pacific Gas & Electric, Shell Pond Bay Point, Contra Costa County

The above discharger has requested rescission of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's staff has prepared a tentative permit rescission in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) owns the 72-acre Shell Pond. The facility was a flow-through pond for habitat enhancement. Water from an adjacent slough circulated through the pond and was discharged to Suisun Bay. PG&E ceased its ability to discharge by filling in the discharge canal on November 20, 2011.

The deadline for comment on the tentative permit rescission is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13. Comments must be sent to the attention of Dylan Garner. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit rescission or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after the deadline.

The Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit rescission during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in the Auditorium of the Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing. The Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the comment deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the tentative permit rescission may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The tentative permit rescission and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Dylan Garner at (510) 622-2116 or by e-mail at dgarner@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions.